

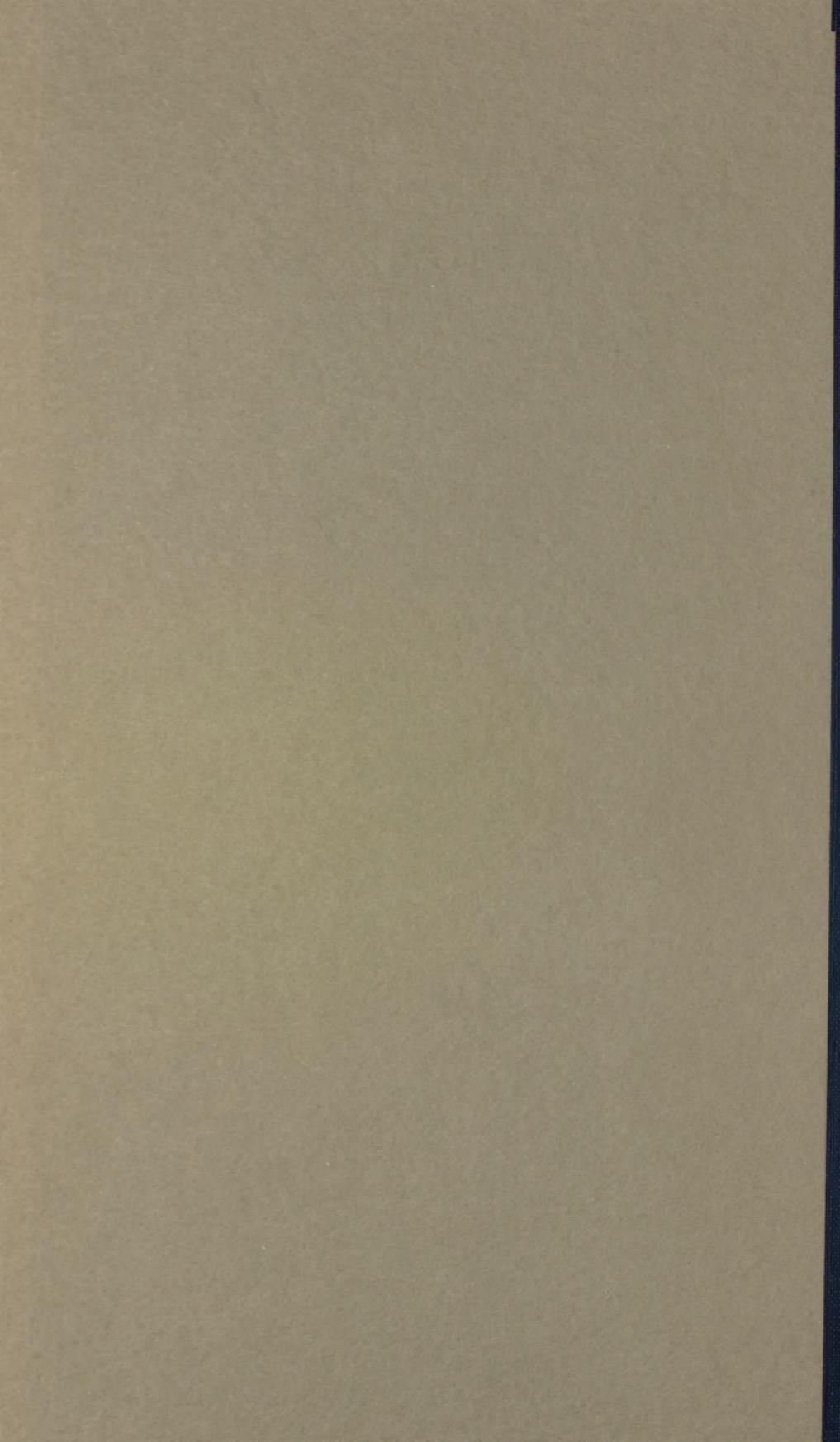
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THE METROPOLITAN METHODIST CHURCH TORONTO

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SERVICES

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE OPENING OF THE CHURCH

APRIL 4TH, 1872

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HISTORICAL NOTE

THE first Methodist Church in Toronto—or York as it was then called—was a wooden structure built in 1818 at the corner of King and Jordan Streets. It was organized with a membership of six. This little society, with unbroken continuity, has grown into the congregation which over a century later occupies, as its place of common worship, the Metropolitan Church. The centenary of the establishment of the first meeting house was appropriately celebrated in November, 1918.

By 1832 the membership of the little church had increased to two hundred and sixty-four, and the congregation moved to a new building in Adelaide Street opposite to the General Post Office. Here for nearly forty years the church had its home, but again its quarters grew inadequate and a new building became necessary. It was due to the imagination and initiative of the Rev. Anson Green and others, that McGill Square was purchased for this purpose. The records show that the representatives of the congregation, including the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, encountered sharp competition in their efforts to acquire this land, and it was not without the exercise of considerable courage on their part that the transaction was finally completed.

The foundation stone of the new church was laid by Dr. Ryerson on August 24th, 1870, and on its completion the building was formally dedicated on April 4th, 1872. On this occasion the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr.

Tiffany, of Newark, New Jersey, and an address was delivered by the Rev. W. Morley Punshon, asking for further subscriptions to the building fund. The response to this appeal gave definite proof of the loyalty of the membership.

During the years the fabric of the church has been improved and enlarged through the generosity of many benefactors and the property is entirely free from debt. The present physical equipment of the Metropolitan Church, complete as it is, however, is but the outward expression of something infinitely more important, the spirit of corporate service and devotion which characterizes the Society itself.

Following will be found the names of the ministers who have been Superintendents of the Circuit and Ministers of the Church, with the year of their respective appointments :

1818—David Culp.	1853—Wellington Jeffers.
1819—Samuel Belton.	1854—John Gemley.
1820—Fitch Reed.	1857—John Borland.
1822—Kenneth M. Smith.	1860—Henry Wilkinson.
1823—John Ryerson.	1861—Isaac B. Howard.
1824—W. H. Williams.	1864—John A. Williams.
1825—James Richardson.	1867—William Stevenson.
1826—William Ryerson.	1870—George Cochrane.
1828—Franklin Metcalf.	1873—John Potts, D.D.
1830—William Smith.	1876—William Briggs, D.D.
1831—John Ryerson.	1879—John Potts, D.D.
1832—Alexander Irvine.	1882—Hugh Johnston, M.A., B.D.
1834—Thomas Turner.	1885—Ezra A. Stafford, M.A.
1835—Matthew Lang.	1888—Leroy Hooker.
1837—William Ryerson.	1891—John V. Smith, D.D.
1839—Matthew Ritcley.	1894—James Allen, M.A.
1840—Egerton Ryerson.	1897—R. P. Bowles, M.A., B.D.
1842—Alexander McNab.	1901—Wm. Sparling, B.A., D.D.
1843—Henry Wilkinson.	1905—Solomon Cleaver, M.A., D.D.
1845—George R. Saunderson.	1909—W. L. Armstrong, B.A., D.D.
1846—John Carroll.	1913—J. W. Aikens, D.D.
1848—John Ryerson.	1917—Trevor H. Davies, D.D.
1851—E. B. Harper.	

SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd: MORNING SERVICE.

Organ Prelude	Air, Varied (Composed for Holsworthy Church Bells)	<i>S. S. Wesley</i>
Doxology		
Invocation and Lord's Prayer		
Hymn No. 9		
Prayer		
Te Deum	(Chant Form: Hymn Book, No. 667)	<i>Oakeley</i>
Psalm 84 (Responsively)		
Gloria Patri		
The Apostles' Creed		
Dedication of the Memorial Bells		
Anthem	"Bless the Lord, O my Soul"	<i>Ippolitof Ivanof</i>
Offertory	"The Seraph's Strain"	<i>Wolstenholme</i>
Hymn No. 96		
The Sermon	Rev. Trevor H. Davies, D.D.	
Hymn No. 47		
Benediction and Amen		
Concluding Voluntary	"Paeon"	<i>Julius Harrison</i>
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Organist and Choir Master, Mr. H. A. Fricker, M.A., Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O.		

SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd: EVENING SERVICE.

Organ Prelude	"Carillon"	<i>Wolstenholme</i>
Doxology		
Invocation and Lord's Prayer		
Hymn No. 195		
Prayer		
Anthem	"From all that Dwell below the Skies"	<i>Tschaikowsky</i>
The Lesson		
Offertory	"'Cello Solo, andante" (From Pieces in Folk Lore Style)	<i>Schumann</i>
	MR. LEO SMITH	
Anthem	"Lord, who hast Made us for Thine own"	<i>Gustav Holst</i>
Hymn No. 581		
The Sermon	Rev. Trevor H. Davies, D.D.	
Hymn No. 56		
Solo (Soprano) 'Cello and Organ	"Thou, O Lord, art my Protector"	<i>Saint Saens</i>
Cello Solos	(a) Air from "Orfeo" (b) "The Holy Boy" (Carol of the Nativity)	<i>Gluck</i> <i>John Ireland</i>
Solo (Tenor)	"Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth"	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
Solo (Contralto) 'Cello and Organ	"Ave Maria"	<i>Liszt</i>
Anthem	"Hallelujah"	<i>Beethoven</i>
Benediction and Amen		
Nunc Dimittis		
Concluding Voluntary	"Epilogue"	<i>Healey Willan</i>

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1922.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Public Worship The Rev. Trevor H. Davies, D.D. will preach.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4th.

8 p.m.—A Re-union of Past and Present Members of the Church and Congregation will be held in the School Room of the Church. Brief addresses will be delivered by the Revs. R. P. Bowles, M.A., D.D., S. Cleaver, D.D., and W. L. Armstrong, D.D. Musical selections will be given by members of the Choir.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th.

8 p.m.—A Devotional Meeting will be held in the School Room under the leadership of Rev. Trevor H. Davies, D.D.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9th.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D.D., will preach.

Dr. Campbell Morgan will also conduct a Mission throughout the week, in connection with which, services will be held each day, in the Church, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

On the main, or tenor bell of the Chime which is to be dedicated on Sunday, April 2nd, the following inscription appears:

THIS CHIME OF TWENTY THREE BELLS
WAS PRESENTED TO THE
METROPOLITAN METHODIST CHURCH
TORONTO
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARGARET PHELPS MASSEY
BY HER HUSBAND
CHESTER D. MASSEY
A.D. 1922

The following words appear on each of the bells :

MAY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD
REACH THE HEART OF EVERY ONE
WHERE THE SOUND OF THESE BELLS IS HEARD.

The chimes will be rung for the first time at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday and again at 6.30 p.m. They will also be rung on Tuesday and Wednesday between 7.30 and 8 p.m.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

As we recall, with grateful hearts, the history of our Church, it is well that we should remind ourselves of its essential mission. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you," are the words in which our Lord portrays the creative ideal of His Church. He was sent into the world to reveal the Father, under conditions of humanity; the Church exists to make the same disclosure. He came to teach us the Way of Life, showing us, in word and deed, how men should behave themselves in relation to one another; that high prophetic ministry must abide in the Church. He came "to seek and to save that which was lost"; the mission of the Church will not be fulfilled while there remains one lost good.

We have reason to be grateful for the record of the past, for we can see the emergence of these sublime ideas in our history, and no other justification is needed nor can any other be adduced. We may say with the Psalmist, "O God, our fathers have told us what work Thou didst in their days, in the days of old."

Great are the privileges and the responsibilities of the Church in our day. We must rest our loyalty on necessary and essential grounds. It is when we see the Church in the light of its Divine purpose as a supreme necessity, sustained by God for the safeguarding of man's life, as Heaven's gift to save us from the manifold despairs and sins to which the world so easily reduces us—it is only then that we shall render it the love and loyalty which are its due.

TREVOR H. DAVIES.



THE METROPOLITAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH AS IT APPEARED ON ITS COMPLETION IN 1872 AND AS IT STANDS TODAY.

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